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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Shi et al. ) Examiner: David C. Thomas  
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For : EXHAUSTIVE SELECTION OF RNA )  
APTAMERS AGAINST COMPLEX TARGETS )

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the March 16, 2006, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-22) with traverse. Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are closely related and, therefore, require common areas of search and consideration. Since no benefit is derived from imposing this restriction requirement, it should be withdrawn in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

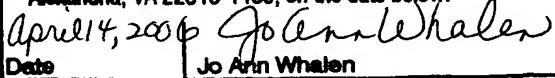
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